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February 11, 1999 LB 253, 359, 359A

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: LB 359 is advanced. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: (LB) 359A, Mr. President, by Senator Dwite Pedersen. (Read title.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Chair recognizes Senator Dwite Pedersen, to open on LB 359A.

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor, members of the Legislature. This bill does nothing more than give permission to transfer the money from this cash fund over so it can cover (LB) 359. Any questions, I'd be glad to try and answer them for you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator. Discussion on the advancement of LB 359A? Seeing none, Senator, you're recognized to close. Senator Pedersen waives closing on the advancement of LB 359A. Those in favor vote aye; those opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 359A.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The bill is advanced. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, (LB) 253, a bill by Senator Wehrbein. (Read title.) Bill was introduced on January 11, referred to the Government, Military, and Veterans Affairs Committee. The bill was advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill at this time, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Chair recognizes Senator Wehrbein to open on LB 253.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. This is really a very, very simple bill in that it seeks to amend the Engineers and Architects Regulation Act and other sections of Nebraska state statute in order to increase the minimum dollar cost amount for public improvement projects before employing required engineer and architect services. Specifically, LB 253 raises the minimum dollar amount from the